

Report from Road Safety Manager

Annual General Meeting

9th September 2020

REAP House Masterton



Welcome to the Wairarapa Road Safety Council 2021 Annual General Meeting.

Last years report commenced with comments around COVID. This year sees a repeat, with NZ experiencing another lockdown as I compiled this.

Some unintended benefits of a nationwide lockdown are lower transport emissions and less crashes. (however, the 6 week lockdowns in 2020 & negligible traffic flows did not translate into major reductions in DSIs). It will be interesting to see the effects on these no's after this years lockdown scenarios.

Like all business, COVID interrupts all our activities apart from online messaging & advertising, but does present opportunities for strategic planning & discussions with road safety partners.

I have covered off Wairarapa crashes involving deaths & serious injuries in my ordinary September report, but to recap, one death is too many, however it is encouraging that there has been just one fatal crash in Wairarapa to date in 2021. The flipside is the amount of serious injury crashes involving speed, unrestrained occupants, motorcyclists & crashes involving over 60 yr olds. This is frustrating as knowing these facts, these are areas where we are, and have been particularly focussed as are our partners in the Police & Waka Kotahi.

It is heartening to see DSIs for younger drivers decreasing, as this space is a major focus for us.

An emerging issue over the last 2 years is the number of heavy transport crashes involving logging trucks, some involving serious injuries, on Mastertons' rural roads. With record export log prices & local projected harvest no's, this is an area which requires attention to prevent any future deaths & injuries. We now have a 2nd Police commercial vehicle safety team member in Wairarapa, and hopefully that no. will increase.

Continuing collaboration between all road safety agencies & partners, legislative changes, effective road engineering, & changing road user behaviour through education, training & messaging, are the keys to getting anywhere near a 40% reduction in DSIs by 2030, as per the Road to Zero strategy.

We secured an increase in our Road safety promotion budget for 2021-2024, which hopefully reflects how effective our overall programme is viewed by Waka Kotahis' investment team, who essentially look at 'bang for buck'. This enables us to not only continue to build on our successful initiatives, campaigns & advertising, but refocus on the abovementioned activities 'of concern'.

Waka Kotahis' proposed safety infrastructure & speed improvements/changes between Featherston & Masterton have been a long time coming. Locals have been calling for S.H.2 roundabouts for decades. Once funding is confirmed, they will get these.

However, with the focus on safe & appropriate speeds for the road 'type', & without 'pre-empting' the public consultation period which was extended due to lockdown, speed reductions appear almost certain.

This has generated a lot of comment & public submissions will reflect this.

We have already seen the 1st tranche of local road speed reductions in Masterton, around the CBD & school environments following the local speed review. (and indeed on S.H.2, with the need to reduce speeds at raised pedestrian crossings). In the main, locals have accepted these in lower speed environments, as they understand the safety benefits for vulnerable road users (e.g.. school kids). It appears the same acceptance is not reflected in attitudes when it comes to open road environments, where drivers are used to travelling at 100km/h.

As a small country, we do not have the funds to build 4 lane highways in regions which are all expanding with population & transport growth.

The trick is to balance road safety with improved accessibility, and ensuring commuting times particularly for supply chain transport aren't unduly compromised.

Regardless of what the final S.H.2 corridor plans look like, the Wairarapa Road Safety Council remains focussed on their 'mission statement' which is to reduce the incidence of road deaths & serious injuries, through education, advocacy & training

Again, I would like to thank all the board members for their continuing attendance & support. It is by sharing our efforts with you all, and working together with certain initiatives such as 'staying safe' workshops, m/cycle on road safety courses, Police road safety operations and so on, that we can make Wairarapa a safer place.

Thanks to Frazer who provides invaluable guidance as Chairperson, and Sandy & Rebecca for their roles on the executive.

Griff Page who had represented Connecting Communities on the board, has been in contact & registered his resignation, as that entity has now devolved itself from an 'operational' sense. I would like to thank Griff for his contributions & support.

Our cycling representative, Erin Collins has accepted a different role, and will no longer be at our meetings.

We wish Erin all the very best, and thank her for her hard work in the cycling space with her limited hours.

All the best for the rest of (lockdown free?) 2021, and look forward to getting together again on the 9th December.

Bruce Pauling

Manager Wairarapa Road Safety Council



Minutes of the Wairarapa Road Safety Council 32nd AGM Meeting held in the Conference Room, Thursday 10th September 2020 in the Rangitumau Room at REAP House at 1pm

Present: Rebecca Vergunst (CDC), Bruce Pauling & Holly Hullena (WRSC), Chris Horrocks (AA), Sandy Walker (RTANZ), Nick Pyatt (FENZ), Griff Page (Connecting Communities), , Erin Collins (Regional Cycling Coordinator), Alistair Plimmer (SWDC), Rachel Ingham (Age Concern),

Apologies: Frazer Mailman (MDC - Chairperson), Mau Lolo (ACC), Megan DeOliviera (Road P), Stephen Wadsworth (FENZ), Nicky Poona (RPH),

Moved by: Chris Seconded by: Griff CARRIED

Introductions:

Rebecca welcomed everyone present.

Minutes of the 31st AGM Held Thursday 19th September 2019:

Previous minutes, which had been circulated to members.

Moved by Chris and Seconded by Sandy that the minutes of the previous AGM as presented, be accepted as a true record. CARRIED

Matters Arising:

- Nil Matters Arising

RSC & Managers Summary of 2019/20

Bruce gave his year's achievements and spoke of the struggles of covid-19 to the programmes rolling out.

Bruce spoke of the NTLT investment planning

Road Safety Project Coordinator Holly Hullena presented RSM's report of the year's achievements for the WRSC, which had been circulated to the members.

Moved by Rebecca and seconded by Chris that the Manager's Annual Report be accepted. CARRIED

Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Frazer report has been circulated.

Rebecca mentioned thanks to Frazer on the amount of work he puts into WRSC as the chairperson.

Moved Rebecca and seconded by Griff that the Chairperson's Report be accepted. CARRIED

Financial Report

The 2019/20 End of Financial year report was not available due to busy schedules at MDC. The Executive committee will meet in future when these are made available to review. So far Frazer has sighted and sees we are on track.

Moved by Rebecca and Seconded by Sandy that the 2019/20 Financial Report be tabled & approved by the Executive when made available. CARRIED

Election of Officers:

Nominations for Chairperson for the following 12 months were called.

Moved by Chris and Seconded by Nick that Frazer Mailman be re-elected as Chairperson. CARRIED

Deputy Chairperson & Executive Committee:

Moved by Griff and seconded Erin that Rebecca Vergunst is re-elected as Deputy Chairperson. CARRIED

Moved by Chris and seconded by Rebecca that Sandy Walker be re-elected to the Executive. CARRIED

There were no further nominations.

General Business:

There was no general business

THE AGM CLOSED 1.27 pm

Chairperson Signature: _____ Dated: _____

NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Wairarapa Road Safety Council

Will be held in the **Rangitumau Room** at

REAP House

340 Queen Street Masterton.

Thursday 9th September 2021 following the WRSC AGM.

AGENDA

Apologies – please forward to Holly on 377 1379 or rsc@wairsc.org.nz

1. Health & Safety
2. Apologies
3. Conflicts of Interest
4. RSM & RSC Reports
5. Minutes of the meeting held June 2021
6. Matters arising
7. Financial report
8. General Business
9. Next meeting



WAIRARAPA ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

The 33rd **Annual General Meeting** of the Wairarapa Road Safety Council will be held in the **Rangitumau Room, REAP House, Masterton** on **Thursday, 9th September 2021** commencing at **12.30pm**

AGENDA

1. Welcome by Chairperson
2. Apologies – Please forward any to Holly on (06) 3771379 or rsc@wairsc.org.nz
3. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 10th September 2020
4. Matters Arising
5. Road Safety Manager's & Road Safety Coordinators Reports
6. Chairperson's Annual Report
7. WRSC Annual Financial Report 2020/21
8. Election of Officers and Executive

STP Update

- Pedal Ready - Low numbers but working with Pedal ready to boost them up over next couple of terms. Physical bookings with references of each school have been handed over to pedal ready so that engagement doesn't have to start from the beginning. Building a partnership with Pedal Ready in email signatures is a great way to increase continuity of care when communicating with each school. School visits have been made to a majority of schools beginning of Term 3. Covid has stopped the remaining school visits. Will continue communication with schools once school is back to level 2. However, regular communication channels except in person is still open.
- Scooters - tba
- Mailchimp Term 3 in progress. Working on adapting resources to suit in school and possible homework activities where a majority of students have bikes etc in their home.
- After mapping results from Carterton based workshops came back, we fed this information to the Carterton Walking and Cycling advisory Group. After an expected 1000 homes have been predicted to be developed on the eastern side of Carterton. I am keen to help keep schools and accessibility at the forefront of further conversations within the advisory group.
- Speed/Restrictions/outside Schools - Following on from the school visits, speeds and user behaviour around school crossings has been monitored in a 3 stage approach.
 - Stage 1 - Observation outside school (dependant on school, speed has been monitored)
 - Stage 2 - Secondary 'incognito' observation including speeds
 - Stage 3 - Pass on findings back to school and send email to road policing to follow up and provide infringement notices as required.

We also had a full page advertorial put into the WTA at the start of Term 3. This was based on our own resources and done in house.

- Mailchimp newsletter from Term 2 had a section on building policy documents for schools. I have since had interest from Greytown School which I imagine will be a rather big process as they have a retirement village being built across the road from Reading Street. It is impacting safety of students getting to school and will require consultation with SWDC, BoT and finding a happy solution for all parties with a focus on what infrastructure could look like in the future.
- Kura Kaupapa Maori o Wairarapa has been a very long work in progress in regards to having engagement with our road safety programmes. I have since found seed funding (not confirmed but will be in September) to start their bikes in schools track. I have also secured 100 helmets, one for every student. They are hoping to have a track set up by end of the year (in a non-covid vision). Whilst aiding them with funding applications, I am happy to report that one of the teachers has taken part in Pedal Ready training, learning skills from the Bike Ready - Waka Kotahi programme, and they can now deliver cycle skills in house. I have also set up regular check in's with the cycling trainers at Pedal Ready and since Pedal Ready took the scooter skills course and developed their own programme, they are booked in for instructor training so that they can deliver this in house also. This is a huge outcome for the region.
- On this note, in regards to cycling infrastructure, we have the most school based cycle tracks in the GW region. You can view the GWRC website to see where these are. This is still to be updated with more information and photos.
<http://www.gw.govt.nz/school-bike-tracks/>
- BIS - Featherston designing and working on their skills and pump track. Working with them on connecting to the right places.

- Working with GWRC on maintenance plan rollout for schools. Trying to hand most of this over to GWRC and overseeing so that they can tie in this with Pedal Ready. A bit of work as to what this looks like overall as there is some grey area as to who manages this.

SADD Update

- We include Ponatahi and the Kura as supporters of SADD. We have our Kura working with their media students to translate some resources. I am facilitating this for SADD nationally and they are observing to see what we do and how this can be utilised at a national level. Also coordinating the national SADD leader that holds the Maori integration profile and this will be a great way for me to learn about tikanga Maori and through this student we can deliver in Te reo through korero and it is still a student led project.
- Currently students are working on a national blog and training me on instagram as we have linked accounts with facebook.
- Most schools have had a visit this term. Covid has put a hold on visiting Rathkeale/St Matthews & Ponatahi.
- linking with local councils for student voice. Going over council agendas and will give input when we see the need to. Have met with Bailey Peterson, Community Development at MDC and Tammy, Community Development lead at CDC to talk about roles in which SADD students can play without burning themselves out with too much work. Explained how WRSC works for Councils and discussed possible opportunities for mentoring and training of students.
- Have been planning SAFER (Student Advocates for Everyones Road Safety) September. Thankfully, the students have aimed for a regional push of signing students up to DRIVEGO. An app designed by Waka Kotahi and ACC skilling people up on the road code and rules of driving. As WK does not fund advertising around this campaign, the SADD students at our last regional hui decided that we should push this. Over September, Students will give tyre tread checkers and lollipops to students that show the downloaded app to a representative. They collect names (one entry per student) and they go into a school draw to win a double pass to the movies/AA voucher. The prize is still to be confirmed, one prize per school.
- Throughout SS, we will use assemblies to present Student leaders with SADD badges. Our goal to present these during this time is to help drive opportunities to become leaders as it is represented in the same way as a college prefect or leader within the school.
- Finally, we are very excited to announce that Jeremy Leveridge from Makoura College has been selected this year in the SADD national leadership programme. This is a two year commitment and we are really looking forward to seeing his progress for SADD and what he comes up with on a National level. This is a first NLP leader for Makoura College in 8 years.
- A new leadership role for SADD was also announced after the selection for NLP. Because there were so many great candidates, SADD head-office decided to start building a regional leadership programme. Sam Graham from Chanel College was selected for this new opportunity. Looking forward to seeing how this develops.
- Former national leader James Graham has had his case study from last year's geography NCEA Papers profiled on the Waka Kotahi Website. You can view this here if not already. <https://education.nzta.govt.nz/case-studies/case-studies-of-teaching-and-learning/ncea-student-investigates-road-of-personal-significance/>

Promotions, Website & Social Media Capabilities:

- **Be Safe, Be Seen - Be Safe be Seen Campaign**
More stock was ordered through GWRC. It included more backpack covers, vests, locks, lights, and reflective wear. Another 400 high viz vests were distributed once they arrived in July - providing feedback to GWRC for future regional initiatives so they align properly and are also executed on time.
- NZTA Sharing Drive is collateral for local advertising.
- Staying Safe workshops
- Rail Safety Week
- "How to" series completes the first series. Includes SADD students starring in some videos. Will be working on some more for Season 2 release in the middle of September... covid dependant. Will be good to have a focus on driving to the conditions and returning to reality. These have proved really effective online and we have since built up our likes by over 100 followers since these videos started. Haven't seen this level of uptake since we first started the facebook page.
- Upgraded the website to include NZTA Press releases. Relying heavily at the moment on Web and Social media for outreach of road safety messages. Making relevant messages currently "WRSC The Lockdown News" with short visual tips so people can still be conscious in this space during a Covid lockdown.



- Carless travel day is 22nd September, may be easy if working from home in Wairarapa, but putting the word out at least to schools and colleges the option of carpooling to reduce number of cars on the road or just making the walk.
- Prepping for Motorcycle Awareness week.
- WTA Birthday special allowed me to work on 3 out of 4 designs. Back to school, Distraction/Fatigue and You cannot avoid what you cannot see.

ROAD SAFETY OUTSIDE SCHOOLS

WHEN TAMARIKI ARRIVE OR LEAVE SCHOOL EACH DAY, YOUR DRIVING BEHAVIOUR CAN PROTECT THEM OR ENDANGER THEM.

School travel data from Statistics NZ from the 2018 census of year 5-6 year olds travelling to school:

- 27% of children are in cars
- 15% of children are in school buses
- 13% of children are walking or cycling

Parking rules around your school are there to protect tamariki and increase visibility both for pedestrians and drivers.

Please make sure you:

- ★ use crossings outside schools
- ★ park away from the gate and let tamariki walk the final small distance.
- ★ reduce speed to 20km/h either way past a stationary school bus.
- ★ park legally!

Police CAN & WILL issue tickets to drivers who do not drive and park legally and safely.

Why a lower speed limit?
Roads outside schools are perceived as dangerous for children. At the time when children are crossing there can be high volumes of traffic, manoeuvring vehicles, parked vehicles obscuring visibility and vehicle speeds often appear too high. Research has shown reducing vehicle speeds to 40km/h or less significantly reduces the level of injury if a child is struck by a vehicle.

Drivers and other pedestrians
Be considerate, allow 50-60 mins before school starts and after school finishes for students to be getting in and out of school buses, vans and whanau vehicles.
If you are walking or cycling near a school, make sure you also use the zebra crossings. If a school patrol is running, wait for them to signal it is safe to cross.
If you are cycling, look out for car doors and other obstacles as parents can sometimes be in a rush to pick up their tamariki. Same goes for Drivers, look out for cyclists passing before you open the car door.
SLOW DOWN - kids are unpredictable!

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DISTRACTION and FATIGUE

BEING DISTRACTED OR FATIGUED BEHIND THE WHEEL CAN BE DEADLY. AS A SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE DRIVER, MAKE SURE YOU ARE NEITHER!

DISTRACTED DRIVING

IN 2018, 23% of drivers were distracted while driving. 125% more likely to be involved in a crash.

Distraction crashes especially from illegal cell phone use when driving is becoming a road safety epidemic! Fines have increased to \$150 to deter drivers from this dangerous, selfish and illegal behaviour.

BIGGEST DISTRACTIONS

- Phones
- Texting
- Reaching for stuff
- Food and Drink
- Smoking
- Grooming
- Entertainment Systems

TURN OFF YOUR PHONE
If you can't resist the temptation to use your phone while driving, there are many apps that can help. While driving features that are available for both Apple and Android phones. When they are turned on, driving is activated. These apps only focus on the road. Text messages and other notifications are silenced or hidden. Empty takes a few seconds to activate and deactivate properly.

DRIVER FATIGUE

IN 2018, 25% of drivers were fatigued while driving. 113% more likely to be involved in a crash.

Driving whilst fatigued can be as dangerous as driving drunk. There has been an increase in prescription medication use of Xanax and many can cause drowsiness. Check labels and talk to your GP or Pharmacist.

At night, even when you're sleepy, you can lose the length of night and not know it.

Minimise the risk!

- Break lightly
- Take a break
- Stay Hydrated
- Drive fresh
- No Alcohol
- Check your medication

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Reducing Sunstrike

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Windscreens | Wipers | Mirrors

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Child Restraints

- So far sitting on 17 enquiries this financial year. Was sitting on 24 last year so numbers have dropped. This is the quieter time of year for enquiries.
- July 2020-June 2021 Statistics:
 - 201 car seats seen during monthly and quarterly clinics (175 MDC, 26 SWDC) almost doubled from 2019/20 of 109 enquiries.
 - 3 checkpoints - 1 in SWDC, 2 in MDC.
 - 231 enquiries outside the clinics (phone/facebook/website/in person) compared to 90 previous year.
 - In December last year we took in a total of 85 expired car seats (13 SWDC, 72 MDC). Last year there were only 60.
 - 68 car seats have been given to families out of a stock we were given funding to purchase. We have purchased 101 seats. We have 33 left to give and plan to do so later this year in another community drive through clinic.

WRSC Projects Coordinator Report as at 19/08/21

- Design work has been updated to include Waka Kotahi videos on how to install a car seat. This has hugely decreased some of the workload in regards to following up fitting enquiries.



Road Safety Managers Report

Meeting held 1pm on 9th September 2021

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Wairarapa Crashes:

2021 crash fatalities still stand at one, from the car vs train in Featherston in January.

Serious injury crashes are an issue particularly involving speed, unrestrained occupants & motorcyclists.

Below is a simple table showing calendar year Wairarapa crash fatalities from 2000 till September 2021.

There is a pattern of fluctuation as opposed to a downward trend in 5 year blocks, which is extremely frustrating.

A lot more work to be done from all road safety partners to achieve the Road to Zero target of reducing deaths & serious injuries by 40% by 2030.

TOTAL ROAD DEATHS WAIRARAPA 2000-2021 (September)

YEAR	CARTERTON	MASTERTON	STH WAI	TOTAL
2000	3	1	3	7
2001	1	2	3	6
2002	3	0	2	5
2003	2	5	4	11
2004	1	4	0	5
2005	2	0	0	2
2006	1	3	2	6
2007	2	2	3	7
2008	0	1	2	3
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2010	0	0	0	0
2011	0	3	1	4
2012	0	0	0	0
2013	3	4	2	9
2014	0	1	2	3
2015	1	1	0	2
2016	0	5	3	8
2017	1	2	2	5
2018	1	4	1	6
2019	0	2	2	4
2020	1	1	2	4
2021 (to Sept)	0	0	1	1
COMBINED	23	43	38	104

NATIONAL (NZ) ROAD DEATHS FOR 2021 (As at 31 August)

Type of user by region - year to date

SEARCH

Type of road user	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Driver	136	123	115	100	107
Passenger	53	63	50	42	48
Motorcycle riders	25	31	31	31	32
Motorcycle pillion		2	2		1
Pedestrian	28	25	22	19	17
Cyclist	11	5	8	8	7
Other		1	1		

Age group by region - year to date

Age group	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
0-15	8	17	19	6	14
16-19	20	23	11	12	12
20-24	38	31	24	26	16
25-39	64	53	49	52	57
40-59	63	53	73	48	57
60+	59	73	53	56	56

Gender by region - year to date

Gender	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Female	53	82	70	55	50
Male	200	168	159	145	162

S.H.2 Masterton – Carterton infrastructure safety changes

S.H.2 Mstn – Featherston speed review changes

Waka Kotahi public consultation has been completed with the public submission period ending 27 August.

The changes relate to roundabouts, median barrier, a 'turnaround area', lower speeds, removing overtaking lanes & raised pedestrian crossings. Whether or not you agree with any, part, or all of the proposed changes, I hope if you did have opinions/suggestions, you submitted your thoughts. To be fair, Waka Kotahi have done a great job with consultation & engaged on various platforms, so there should be no reason for locals to say they weren't aware or not given the opportunity to provide their thoughts on the proposed changes.

I submitted a few thoughts/concerns which can be viewed after the AGM. I'm reminded that the board consists of several partners who will each have varying opinions, and my submission came from the operational side of the Council, my road Policing knowledge & experiences, and my collaborations & discussions with Waka Kotahi & other agencies/organisations.

Nth Island road safety coordinators hui-Taupo 9th & 10th September:

As part of professional development & engagement, Holly was to attend this hui & present on her school engagement initiatives.

This has now been postponed.

Rail Safety Week:

This ran the week 9-15 August.

In the 12 months to June, KiwiRail recorded 31 collisions with trains on the national network, 17 involving vehicles and 14 involving pedestrians. Of these, 12 occurred at level crossings on public roads, most of which had flashing lights, bells or barrier arms installed. We of course experienced a death in January from a car vs train collision.

We supported this with an online presence with graphics, messages & links.

I also left posters & fliers to schools near railway lines. I also commented in an article in the Times Age 12 August, around the necessity for vigilance & not complacency especially for drivers living near tracks, as

many rural level crossings are not controlled by visual lights & audible bell warnings, but by stop signs only.

Winter driving: We continued our winter driving messages via radio (till end of August) & our social media platforms, as well as a full 'winter driving tips' ad in the Times Age.

1,000 branded ice scrapers to clear iced up windscreens were snapped up by local drivers across the Wairarapa, as part of our efforts to encourage people to make visibility a priority.

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We added tips on visibility & 'vehicle health checks which was added to our 'how to' Facebook videos. Holly has done a great job with these.

Safe speeds:

The main recent focus has been on the proposed local S.H.2 proposed speed changes ,what this may look like, and ensuring all road user groups were notified and aware, so they could participate in the process.

Holly & I have increased our physical presence outside schools am & pm to engage with parents/school staff, the school traffic safety teams, and to monitor speeds as well.

Holly has charted some data & we have engaged local Police to monitor school areas we feel drivers aren't adhering to the lower speeds.

The next meeting for the combined Sth Wairarapa & Carterton local roads speed review was to be held on 20 August, but was delayed due to COVID19 lockdown.

Featherston to Wellington speed review:

'WK' are to hold a public engagement workshop at the Featherston school on 16 September-3pm – 6pm, around the proposed speed changes, Featherston to Wellington. I will also attend.

The main changes affecting Wairarapa commuters will be speed reductions on the Remutaka Hill road.

The current 100km/h posted limit isn't appropriate as all vehicles except motorcycles can't really safely travel at these speeds.

I've requested that 'WK' engagement team supply me with social media creatives so we can share on our platforms to ensure travellers are aware of the workshop.

Young drivers:

CDMP

We are very busy with the programme which has again been affected by COVID lockdown.

I secured \$30k from the Community Road Safety Fund & am waiting on Wairarapa Councils confirmation of combined annual funding of \$20k after three funding applications.

I purchased a new vehicle which is now branded & fitted with dual controls. This was made possible from Trusthouse Foundation after my funding application.

We created a quick video with the new car thanking the trustees. This was shared with them & can be viewed on our Facebook page.

Ensuring 'momentum' in the four participating colleges is an ongoing effort, to ensure we have a pipeline of targeted students to enter the programme.

Our college CDMF administrators do an amazing job & work closely with REAP to maintain sufficient numbers. Chanel college now has Sharon Perry on the programme. Sharon worked at REAP for some time.

I want to acknowledge the great work by REAP staff involved with our schools & REAP courses, as well as the youth to work (Y2W) facilitators, setting up learner license courses for our college students.

I am to work with these facilitators with business owners who employ youth, to train business staff as driver mentors to support them getting their new employees licensed, which is of benefit to business.

I have trained three new mentors recently who have been assigned to work with college students.

There is always a need to source additional mentors to support various programmes, so again if anyone knows of people that may be willing to donate 1 hour per week to support our rangitahi, please put them in touch with me.

Stocks of fliers were supplied to local Police youth services staff, to give to students stopped around colleges. These detail young driver risks, legal requirements & penalties, and insurance ramifications for rangitahi breaching license conditions if they crash.

RYDA

Together with Road Safety Education (RSE) staff who own the RYDA programme, we have been meeting College senior school staff to lock in dates for 2022.

I am exploring running the entire 3 day programme at Taratahi Ag Centre, dependant on any clashes with the courses they currently run.

They have tailor made classrooms, unlike Solway showgrounds where we have always had mixed feedback about the 'spaces', as they have

concrete floors which create noisy environments, and students have to 'tromp' across the oval which puts pressure on our timetable.

Our local kura will be attending for the first time and this is due to Holly's excellent engagement work with te kura kaupapa Maori o Wairarapa. As well, Holly is working with the Kuras' media teacher, supplying them with SADD 'principles', and how this can link to their curriculum, with a possible

Holly coordinated the regional 'booze bus' with Police personnel to attend REAP at the last Wairarapa SADD hui, where students were shown the mobile driver alcohol testing unit and gained an appreciation of this process, legal drink/drive provisions, and 'takeaway' messages to pass on to their 'peers'.

Holly attended Kuranui College 'careers' workshops for senior students in August. She covered the necessity of gaining safe driving skills through the Govt. 'drive' programme to gain & sustain employment, and highlighted issues with speed, impairment & distraction.

Motorcycle Safety:

Motorcycle awareness month was to launch in September, which has now been pushed out to October.

ACCs' 'ride forever' had not indicated what they would be doing so I created our own campaign.

This will run through spring & summer.

It is very similar to one of our previous campaigns where all Wairarapa m/cycle retailers buy in to providing free bike checks, as machines have been sitting dormant over winter & need a thorough safety check for rider safety.

Riders then are handed our flier when uplifting their bikes, and are directed to 'ride forever' to book in for on road courses, made free by our Council.

They also are in to win \$150 monthly vouchers for riding gear or workshop work.

A full page m/cycle safety ad in the Times Age & radio interviews to run each month were also created.

I also worked with Fagan Suzuki to create a 2nd full page ad around getting your m/cycle license, and 'LAMS' approved bikes you are legally

entitles to ride, as people are buying large m/cycles not appropriate for their type of license, which is a) illegal and b) potentially dangerous. I'm exploring m/c events with Waka Kotahi where riders attend & speak with 'WK' engineers around 'wire ropes' median barriers, safe speeds etc.

Police & 'ride forever' training providers would also attend. 'Shiny side up' (SSU) events will again be run nationally in some form or another. COVID has prevented overseas m/c experts from attending & travel restrictions may prevent them from attending again in 2022.

Facilitators can 'zoom' in on large screens & conduct m/c safety checks, tuning, & suspension 'set ups', while local mechanics can work on attending riders machines. They can then sign up to safety courses as well.

These events will become clearer in the next few months.

'rf' registrations are always quiet over the winter months but with our advertising & making courses free we had 27 signups over the last 3 months including 12 riders who undertook the ACC 'winter riding' courses.

Impaired driving:

I am encouraging Care NZ & local lawyers to source recidivist drivers to attend our 'driving forward' workshops run during weekends.

I am waiting on a new 'WK' advertising campaign targeting prescription medication users who often use more than one drug and choose to drive. The aim of this campaign is to get them to seriously question the safety of doing this by opening their eyes to the increased impairment caused by combining medication. Once I receive creative we will run a short local campaign & engage with pharmacies, medical centres & Age Concern.

Distraction/Fatigue:

We created a full page advertorial in the Times Age highlighting crash distraction & fatigue as potential fatal risk factors, some crash data & how to minimise these risks.



Illegal phone use is still a prominent road safety issue & viewed as the No.1 issue by many locals sharing their thoughts on our social media platforms & face to face discussions.

I would encourage Police to undertake annual Wairarapa operations to deter this dangerous activity.

Prescription medication is increasingly seen as a contributor to driver fatigue. We cover off these issues in all of our presentations to all road user groups, and a lot of our advertising.

Senior Drivers:

Three staying safe workshops were held since the last report. 18th & 24th June & 12th August saw approx. 45 senior drivers attend.

It is a new presentation format which whilst overall good, it has a lot of content to get through in a prescribed timeframe, is very prescriptive & there are issues with some of the embedded videos.

I look forward to reading the attendee feedback.

Again, a big congratulations to the new Age Concern leadership team, who have been doing wonderful work with our seniors. I am now a regular contributor to the monthly Age Concern newsletter, which is a fantastic publication.

Vulnerable Road Users:

Holly will report on developments in the cycling activities.

Feedback has been given to Greater Wellington Regional Council partners around the 'be bright be seen' winter campaign, aimed at active travel mode users.

Messaging was warmly received & reached our target groups at least in the Wairarapa, evidenced by extremely high demand for our hi-viz apparel & cycling accessories.

Some feedback includes better communication re which platforms & frequency of advertising, more funds spent on merchandise & less on advertising, and issues around the graphics on backpack covers.

I am to meet 'WK' roading engineers on 16 September, as they conduct a post construction review on the S.H.2 pedestrian crossings.

I believe they need to be painted red to make them even more visible (e.g. the crossing outside Genesis recreation centre), and perhaps bigger approach warning signage.

Restraints:

Holly will cover this activity in her report.

We will conduct our own front seat seatbelt compliance surveys across the five townships & supply the data to the road Policing Manager. This will give some indication as to compliance rates across the district & enable Police to better target their resources.

If they choose to collaborate with us, we can support them with information fliers for errant drivers, and create media messaging before & after any operations to gauge if locals are getting these messages around 'seatbelts save lives'.

School Travel Programme:

As mentioned earlier, we have been more proactive in & around the schools, gauging driving/parking behaviour, speeds & school patrols. We had the below full page ad inserted in the Times Age to encourage lower speeds, improved driving/parking behaviour & adults modelling 'best practice' around the schools.

ROAD SAFETY OUTSIDE SCHOOLS

WHEN TAMARIKI ARRIVE OR LEAVE SCHOOL EACH DAY, YOUR DRIVING BEHAVIOUR CAN PROTECT THEM OR ENDANGER THEM

actual travel data from statistics nz from the 2018 census of age 5-9 year olds travelling to school:

- 27% 20km/h or less
- 15% 20-30km/h
- 13% 30-40km/h

Parking rules around your school are there to **protect** tamariki and increase visibility both for **pedestrians** and **drivers**.

Please make sure you:

- ★ use crossings outside schools
- ★ park away from the gate and let tamariki walk the final small distance.
- ★ reduce speed to 20km/h either way past a stationary school bus.
- ★ park legally!

Police CAN & WILL issue tickets to drivers who do not drive and park legally and safely.

Why a lower speed limit?

Roads outside schools are perceived as dangerous for children at the time when children are crossing there can be high volumes of traffic, manoeuvring vehicles, parked vehicles obscuring visibility and vehicle speeds often appear too high. Research has shown reducing vehicle speeds to 40km/h or less significantly reduces the level of injury if a child is struck by a vehicle.

Drivers and other pedestrians

Be considerate, allow 30-40 mins before school starts and after school finishes for students to be getting in and out of school buses, vans and whanau vehicles.

If you are walking or cycling near a school, make sure you also use the zebra crossings. If a school patrol is running, wait for them to signal it is safe to cross.

If you are cycling, look out for car doors and other obstacles as parents can sometimes be in a rush to pick up their tamariki. Same goes for Drivers, look out for cyclists passing before you open the car door.

SLOW DOWN - kids are unpredictable!

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Heavy Transport:

Another logging truck (unladen) came to grief on the Masterton Castlepoint Rd near Mangapakeha on 12 August.

Police attended but I have no further knowledge of causes.

Reading comments on the Tinui Times Facebook page which attracts a lot of readers in the area, most believe the majority of logging truck drivers are courteous & great drivers, but are critical of a few 'cowboys' who seem to travel faster than others & display no road safety awareness. I am in discussions with the MDC rural ward Councillor, David Holmes, to facilitate a Tinui residents rural meeting to discuss their concerns.

Health & Safety:

Nil issues identified.



**Minutes of the Wairarapa Road Safety Council Meeting held in the Rangitumau Room,
REAP House, on Thursday 17th June commencing at 1.00pm.**

Present: Frazer Mailman (MDC - Chairperson), Rebecca Vergunst (CDC), Holly Hullena (WRSC), Chris Horrocks (AA), Megan D'Oliveria (Road Policing), Ruth Locker (WFA), Rachel Ingram (Age Concern), Alistair Plimmer (SWDC), Bruce Pauling (WRSC)

Apologies: Nick Pyatt (FENZ), Sandy Walker (RTANZ), Erin Collins (Regional Cycling Coordinator), Matt Fitzgerald (Road Policing),

Moved by: Chris Seconded by: Rebecca CARRIED

Health & Safety: Holly spoke of Evacuation procedure.

Conflicts of Interest: Nil

Road Safety Manager Report:

Bruce spoke to the RSM Report.

1. Bruce spoke of the contributing crash factors for Wairarapa DSI Crashes 2016-2020. Bruce mentioned that we are over represented in the motorcycle space and also said that WK should be looking at older road users at a better breakdown age bracket. 60+ years old age is too general. Alcohol/drugs stats are still not looking flash but waiting on further stats from Matt at Police. Speed is the main contributing factor and the trend is not lowering. In the cyclist space, injuries are the main result. We've been working on huge campaigns around this. Young driver figures have halved in the last year, but final stats are not in yet. 3 months until confirmed stats come in.
2. Safe speeds: 3 councillors and BP are working together on the speed review. Wash up of the Wairarapa focus. Update at next meeting. SH speed review team should be providing plans in the coming weeks. This will be sent through the group as it comes to hand. Rebecca Vergunst has said WK have logged consents for the two roundabouts being set on Norfolk Road and East Taratahi Road.
3. Vulnerable road users: Opaki Bridge has been raised. Figures have been released and will be covered in Holly's report. Thanks to the Wairarapa Libraries for their support and agreement to ongoing support.
4. Road Safety Week: Speed was a big focus during road safety week in answer to a report released by AA.
5. Winter driving campaigns and social media presence increased. Out a month early. Holly asked about the compliance stats around this. Megan to send info through.
6. Bus Safety: Spoke of letter sent. Response wanting to be sent. Alistair will be talking more in general business.
7. Young Drivers: \$15k has been provided by WK for RYDA as it has now been endorsed nationally. Recommendation has gone to trust house board for purchase of new CDMP car. WK will give \$30k for the next financial year. Talks still in place for another allotment of funding for next few years. Police are working really well to help restore licences for those that have no licence and have

been going through the justice wheel. Staff are being trained at Carterton Youth Services to run the CDM with their students. SW needs are being trained through REAP and then book the licence and give training in the Kuranui based car and it is being used after hours. Retaining the mentors is key. Voucher scheme is being explored in conjunction with REAP so those doing their licence through REAP get a voucher for \$100 go towards their full licence (total cost \$165). Alistar said in SW in restorative court there are 6-7 cases a month of people coming in for licence convictions, the courts are helping get those sent through the REAP course. Bruce to talk with the licence tutors to check on what barriers there still are.

8. Driving Change network: Bruce fed back of his experience at the conference. He said that the group is really well led and the first collaborative approach made by ACC, WK, MSD, MoT. This may have more impact than the SASTA group.
9. Driver Testing Delays: Good news. New DTO at VTNZ. Wait times should start to reduce.
10. Senior Drivers: Thanks to Chris for attending our stall for us at the aging with attitude expo. Rachel and Ruth suggested a mobility scooter workshop in Featherston. Bruce explained it is hard to get group numbers to run these workshops in Featherston.
11. Distraction is still a really big issue. Looking at ways in the background to hunker in on this.
12. Heavy transport: Logging trucks falling off rural roads. bosses are working together to look out for staff. Once the drivers know there is an issue with one of their trucks they tow the line but we have been inundated with issues around road user behaviour. Understanding there are pressures around the price of logs currently and lack of employees. Should have more information to share at the next meeting.

Holly spoke to the RSC Report - due to timing, Holly asked if there were any questions about her report. Holly to send WRSC stakeholders a copy of the SADD National

Moved Chris and Seconded by Rebecca that the reports are accepted.
CARRIED

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Moved to approve the RSM & RSC reports and the tabling of the previous minutes: Chris
Seconded: Rebecca CARRIED

Matters Arising:

- Bruce spoke to matters arising from the last meeting.
- Alistair brought to the attention of the WRSC to have the response from the MOT released to the media to try and lobby for a better outcome for seatbelts on buses and loading numbers. Frazer has suggested going back to MOT with a response to their response saying that not all concerns have been addressed in their response. Data would be appreciated on the original year that the law for loading numbers is found. 200 bus data can be requested. Rebecca suggests going to GWRC to request another bus run slightly after the 3.35pm bus. Bruce suggested Keiran ride the bus.

Moved by Frazer: Seconded by Alistair

Financial Reports:

Financial Performance for the period ended 30th April 2021 was presented at the meeting. The WRSC will be in deficit at the end of the financial year and although there has been lots happening. Next year will require holding back and keeping an eye on funds where possible to mitigate doubling up on the deficit at the next financial year.

Moved that the financial report be tabled: Frazer Seconded: Chris CARRIED

General Business:

Megan spoke of the EBA operations over the long weekend. Bruce has requested data. Megan to follow up and find out locations. Continued stops will be done on breath checking.

Rachel mentioned the aged concern appreciation of the feature to road safety in the newsletter. It has been well received.

Next Meeting: Thursday 9th September 2021 at 12.30pm, Rangitumau Room, REAP House.

Meeting Closed: pm

Chairperson Signature: _____ Dated: _____